Garfield School District

Garfield County School District Board Meeting
Garfield County Courthouse, 55 S Main St., Panguitch, UT 84759
Thursday, May 28, 2026

I. Regular Board Meeting

I.A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM. All Board members were present including April Lefevre, Ralph Perkins, Curtis Barney, Jared Brems, and Myron Cottam. Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham were also present.

II. Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Curtis Barney and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
Some questions were asked about what an RBT is and also what the policy was for short-term rentals during extracurricular travel.

II.A. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes

II.B. Approve Financial Reports

II.C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

II.D. Letters of Resignation

II.E. Enrollment Report

II.F. Home School Affidavits

II.G. Sports and Transportation Approvals

II.H. Other Travel Approval

II.I. Trust Lands/TSSA

III. Public Comment

Yolanda Cowan representing the GEA. Yolanda thanked the Board for the year-end bonuses.

IV. Reports

IV.A. School Board Report

Board members gave their various reports from committee assignments and other matters.

IV.B. Superintendent Report

Superintendent reported on legislative and other matters from across the district.

IV.C. Business Administrator Report
Lane provided an update on the affordable housing projects, the Apex Center, year-end budget, and other matters.

IV.D. Annual ELL Report
Ty Post presented on WIDA testing and the performance see across the district.

IV.E. Annual Report: Computer Science Program
Jace Howell presented on the progress and activities in the Computer Science program over the course of the last year.

V. Board Discussion

V.A. Panguitch Middle School
The superintendent discussed increasing the scope of projects at PHS and potentially taking on debt in order to accomplish the buildout that will put the school in a good position long term. He discussed timing the debts so that as one rolls off then a new debt issuance come on to finance the projects and manage the debt service as well.

VI. Board Business

VI.A. Future Board Items
The Board reviewed the upcoming agenda items.

VI.B. Set Upcoming Board Meetings
There was discussion about the upcoming meetings and budget hearing, the meeting was scheduled for June 16th at 10:00 AM.

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Board Action Items

VIII.A. Bus Request for Bryce Canyon Marathon
A motion was made to approve the bus use for the Bryce Canyon Marathon. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
There was some discussion about what the cost of the driver is and there was some discussion about having a standardized approach to approving waived fees and bus donations.

VIII.B. 4-H Summer Bus Request
A motion was made to approve the 4-H Summer Bus Request. This motion, made by Ralph Perkins and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VIII.C. Chromebooks

A motion was made to approve a budget of $50,000 for Chromebooks. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
Lane presented a request from the IT Director for a $50,000 budget for Chromebooks.

VIII.D. School Bus Rental Request – Camp Baraisa (Summer 2026)
A motion was made to decline the request for use of the buses by Camp Baraisa. This motion, made by Ralph Perkins and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
The Board reviewed the request and some discussion was had. There was a question about having insurance and also about the entity and personnel being unknown and from out of the area.

VIII.E. Board Approval to Surplus a Portion of Parcel 08-0073-0119
A motion was made to declare the Northeast portion of the parcel located at 640 Bryce Way as surplus and initiate selling the parcel. This motion, made by Ralph Perkins and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VIII.F. Highly Needed Educator Stipend
Approve the District's continued use of SHiNE funds in the same general manner as the former TSSP program. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
Superintendent introduced the topic of SSHiNE and the sunset of the TSSP program.

IX. Executive Session

1. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
2. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems.
3. Strategy to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
4. Strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining.
5. Strategy to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real estate.
6. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal conduct.

A motion was made to go into executive session for items #1, 3, and 4. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

X. Adjournment

Barney Curtis; Brems Jared; Cottam Myron ; LeFevre April; Perkins Ralph